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In re application of

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For: BINDER RESIN FOR COATING PASTE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Commissioner for Patents
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of EP 1 384 731 listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 A&B is submitted herewith, together with a copy of a Communication from the European Patent Office for counterpart European Application No. EP 04 746 596.8 wherein the listed document was cited.

Applicant also encloses herewith a Communication from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2004-117062 citing JP 2001-237410; the other

document cited in the Communication (viz., JP 63-079741) was already submitted in the earlier Information Disclosure Statement filed December 22, 2005 in this application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required, but the conditions for a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) are satisfied, so according a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is filed herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

1. An English language abstract of JP 2001-237140 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 2001-237140. Furthermore, a computer generated translation of JP 2001-237140 is provided herewith, and JP 2001-237140 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0010617 A1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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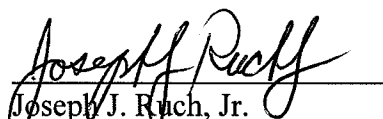
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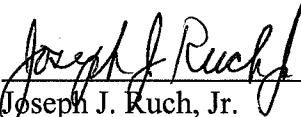
Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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